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SUBJECT: OAU A/SEC GEN'S VIEW ON OAU RECOGNITION OF MPLA GOVERNMENT
OF ANGOLA

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 1196 (NOTAL), (B) ADDIS ABABA 1722 (NOTAL)

1. OAU ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PETER ONU
JUSTIFIED TO AMBASSADOR OAU'S RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS GOVT OF
ANGOLA (REF B) AS "SIMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ARTICLE 28 OF OAU CHARTER."

2. ONU STATED THAT SEC GEN ETEKI HAD INFORMED OAU CHAIRMAN AMIN
ON FEB 10 THAT SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIREMENT HAVING BEEN MET, OAU
SHOULD PROCEED TO "RECOGNIZE" MPLA-GOA. THIS LED TO AMIN'S
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF UGANDAN RECOGNITION SHORTLY THEREAFTER. ONU

PREDICTS OTHER NATIONS (PERHAPS UP TO 35) WILL HAVE RECOGNIZED BEFORE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CM) BEGINS HERE FEB 23 AND ASSERTS 28 OAU MEMBERS (UGANDA AND TOGO INCLUDED) HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA TO DATE. MPLA GOVT, ONU SAID, WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FONMIN AT OAU CM.

3. ONU STATED THAT PRESSURE ON NETO TO INCLUDE BAKONGO AND OVIMBUNDU REPRESENTATIVES IN HIS GOVT WILL PROVE EFFECTIVE. OF COURSE, THESE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD NOT BE SAVIMBI, ROBERTO OR THEIR CLOSE COHORTS.

4. ONU ADVISED THE UNITED STATES YET AGAIN TO LOSE NO TIME IN ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE WITH THE MPLA, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT MPLA GOA HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO OAU.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY CANNOT PREDICT REACTION OF HARD LINE MPLA OPPONENTS TO OAU'S RECOGNITION. ONU'S SCENARIO DIFFERS CONSIDERABLY FROM ASST SEC GEN NYNEQUE'S REPORTED REF A. ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS RATHER UNLIKELY AT PRESENT, POSSIBILITY REMAINS THAT MPLA OPPONENTS MAY FAIL TO APPEAR (OR WILL WALK OUT OF CM) THUS DENYING CM QUORUM. THEY MIGHT ALSO FIGHT ISSUE HEAD ON, ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT ETEKI WAS PRESSURED TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AS MOVE TO PREEMPT ANTI-MPLA ACTION ON PART OF PRO FNLA/UNITA PARTISANS OF NATIONAL UNION GOA.
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